

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

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ABSTRACT

~~The present invention is a~~ A content distribution system ~~for distributing-distributes~~ contents. The content distribution system (4) includes a key issuing center (11), a server (12), eight output apparatuses (13a) ~~to (13h)~~, and a communication path (10) that connects them to each other. ~~Here, a pair of the~~ The key issuing center (11) and each of the output apparatuses (13a) ~~to (13h)~~ is ~~are~~ previously given an individual key shared between them. For example, the key issuing center (11) shares ~~an~~ individual key IKa with ~~the~~ an output apparatus (13a), ~~an~~ individual key IKb with an the output apparatus (13b), and ~~an~~ individual key IKh with ~~the~~ an output apparatus (13h).